

MA

JERRY & PAM

MARTY  
Following to Raleigh, as soon as they sell.

REG  
They should make a bumper sticker: Buffalo, I'm out and leave it.

MARTY  
What happened? This used to be a great town.

REG  
It will be again. You know the saying: The grass is always greener.

MARTY  
What grass? We got contaminated brownfield.

*(THEY are gone. JERRY storms up to TEDDY SLAUGHTER and PAM's front door and bawls out at them.)*

JERRY

**START**  
*(At once)*

So what's all this about a deadline and you having sole custody? That wasn't the deal, Pam.

PAM

If you want joint custody, Jerry, you're going to have to pay your share. Seven hundred dollars a month. That was the deal. You've been in arrears since it started.

JERRY

I'm on the unemployment line in case you haven't heard!

PAM

Then get a job. I'll give you a job.

JERRY

Nine-fifty an hour in the Black Hole of fucking Calcutta. No thank you.

PAM

It's not the Black Hole of Calcutta and I'll thank you to stop using that kind of language when you're here.

JERRY

Niagara Estates, I'm very impressed!

PAM

Nathan comes home from you talking like a sailor.

JERRY

Pam, have you ever met a sailor?

PAM  
Teddy doesn't appreciate it either.

JERRY

That wuss! Where is he?

PAM

Right inside.

JERRY

Working on his stamp collection?

PAM

Fine. Whatever. If you want to go off and play your games, you do that, Jerry. But from now on Nathan's going to have two parents.

JERRY

That would be your stud lover. And abracadabra and here he is. Hello, Teddy.  
*(TEDDY has appeared at the doorway, next to PAM.)*

PAM

The court will decide who Nath's parents are.

JERRY

No, it won't, Nathan's yours and he's mine and he's fuck all to do with him.

TEDDY

As if you've ever given a damn.

PAM

Jerry, Nathan doesn't even like staying at your place. He says it's a mess and he's cold all the time.

JERRY

We have fun. Where is he? Up in his room?

*(He yells up to the bedroom window.)*

Hey, Nath! We have a good time together, don't we, son?

PAM

Jerry, don't

JERRY

Is he home? Don't we, Nath? Tell em, please.

*(No one comes to the window.)*

He can't hear me through all your double glazed windows, Teddy.

**END**